

**Remarks**

The examiner and I discussed the application by telephone on May 7, 2004.

I agree with the examiner's description of the interview in the *Interview Summary* mailed May 11, 2004. Specifically, I confirm that we agreed that Kotaki, et al. did not render the claims unpatentable if they were amended as noted in the *Interview Summary* (although I continue to believe the claims should have been allowed in their form before the amendment herein).

To elaborate slightly on the examiner's comments, I note that the examiner has previously rejected the claims by interpreting the claims in a manner other than how I intended. I believe that the only reasonable interpretation of the claims that they had the same meaning as they have after the amendment herein (i.e., amended as noted in the *Interview Summary*).